

NASOA Meeting Minutes - 3/21/18

Present: Cedric Thomas, Tim Barron, Douglas Vechinski, Mike Vesoulis, Chris Boyer, Jackie Svehlak, Skye Svehlak, Todd Owen, Darrell Harris, Gene Uhl, Nelson Walner, Kim Hensley, Shane O'Neill, Hudson O'Neill, Diego Chulan, Daphne Brown, Ken Brown.

Cedric Thomas (President)

- Open the meeting at 6:05 PM.
- Urged us all to be careful about our comments between each other on our Facebook page. Be professional.
- Black pants are allowed for referees High School soccer.
- Attended a recent meeting with USSF officials where there was a great deal of discussion about the role of the State Referee Committee and local associations to improve referee development. Also some discussion about insurance for associations and their boards.

Tim Barron (Vice-President)

- Encountering less-experienced officials who do not understand good positioning when working a system of dual control. Do not focus on staying with next-to-last defender. Keep an eye on lead attacker and be in good position to make calls as trailing support. In pre-game, let coaches know of trade-offs when running duals, and ask them to be understanding and work with us. Know what your positioning should be on set plays, especially PKs and Corner Kicks.
- The city has given us some additional fields to work with. Make sure you know where the field is, especially at the former Johnson and Grissom schools.
- Let Tim know if you encounter any field issues. You can do this by email and in your Arbiter game report. We have gotten the attention of the city, but we still need to stay on the matter of field readiness and maintenance.
- City North and City South will be closing soon for the construction of new turf fields.
- The Open Cup tournaments are April 7-8 and April 14-15. They are a great opportunity for referee development. Let Bill Walker and Kris Bailey know if you are working games and want someone to observe you and coach you.
- If you are not working Open Cup on Sunday, and are able to do HASL matches, let Tim know.
- AHSAA Classification Test will be available this weekend only. Take it, so that you can earn points for eligibility to work Sub-state matches.

Cedric Thomas (President)

- HFC Spring tournament will be April 21-22.
- Still having Arbiter issues with respect to notifications of game cancellations.
- A game may be played without corner flags. Note it in your game report.

Diego Chulan

- Please pay attention to specific instructions give to you by your Center Referee in the pre-game. During the match, abide by those specific instructions.

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Daphne Brown (USSF Instructor)

- Remember that the new designation for what we commonly call an AR is Other Match Official. This upgrade to the name gives us more responsibility and recognition as a support to the Center Referee.
- Before you cancel a match for any issue related to field readiness or safety, call an AYSA decision maker, such as Dean Johnson or Pat Miller.
- Know the differences between how DOGSO is handled in High School verses in USSF. Caution or Send-off?

Gene Uhl

- Players with bandana or head-band tied in back are not allowed. The knot is dangerous.

Chris Boyer

- Center Referee, support your AR when they are getting yelled at by coaches or by HASL players.

Meeting closed at 7PM after a motion was made by Ken Brown and seconded by Daphne Brown.